



ADVISORY BOARD

March 22, 2010
City Hall – 4th Floor, 12:30 P.M.
Engineering Conference Room
2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas

MINUTES

Members Present: 7

Charles S. Wakeem, Lois Anne Balin, Richard L. Thomas, James H. Tolbert, Kevin von Finger, Bill Addington, Robert Ardovino

Members Absent: 2

Walt Phillips, Luis M. Ruiz

Member Vacancies: 0

Ex-Officio Members Present: Gonzalo Cedillos

Parks and Recreation Staff Present: Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, Richard Garcia, Park Development Manager, Shamori Whitt, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Fred Lopez, Planning Division, Mathew McElroy, Deputy Director of Planning, Alan Shubert, Engineering Director, Kareem Dallo, Engineering Division, Rudy Valdez, El Paso Water Utilities, Nick Constanzo, El Paso Water Utilities, Richard Bonart, Public Service Board,

1. Meeting Called to Order - Chair Wakeem called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: February 22, 2010
Chair Wakeem recommended the following *changes*:

Item #1. Meeting Called to Order - Chair Wakeem called the meeting to order at **12:38 p.m.**

Item #3. Call to the Public: “Judy Ackerman, citizen, announced that on March 20, 2010 a celebration will be at *the El Paso Museum of Archaeology with shuttle service to and from* Cohen Stadium to raise awareness of Franklin Mountain Wilderness. Posters are available; event and parking **is are** free.”

Item #4. 1st paragraph: “Rudy Valdez, El Paso Water Utilities, reported that they anticipate 1.4 million for this coming fiscal **year**.”

Motion by Kevin von Finger to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Lois Balin. Motion carried (unanimous).

3. Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)
None.

Chair Wakeem recommended moving Items 9, 10, and 11 to the forefront. Motion by Richard Thomas to move items 9, 10, and 11 forward. Second by Kevin von Finger. Motion carried (unanimous).

4. Agenda Item # 9. Discussion, Information and Action: A Resolution on the Enchanted Hills Land.

Matthew McElroy, Deputy Director of Planning, presented maps which illustrated amenities, residential lots and open space. Mr. McElroy gave the Board an update on the Enchanted Hills land study, explained park credit and the definition of open space. Discussion ensued on the revision of plans, clarification of arroyos and back up documentation for land study.

Motion by James Tolbert to send a letter to CPC that the Open Space Advisory Board recommend denial of the Enchanted Hills Plats. Second by Lois Balin. Motion carried (unanimous).

5. Agenda Item #10. Discussion and Information: Recent MDA/PMD Projects, Including But Not Limited To, Pinnacle Subdivision (Planning Staff)

Fred Lopez, Planning Division, reviewed the property located in the Pinnacle Subdivision. He reported on the status and chronological order the improvement plans were submitted. Other MDA/PMD project discussed was the Bradley Estates.

6. Agenda Item #11. Discussion and Action: Status of NOS Zoning Ordinance

Fred Lopez, Planning Division, discussed with the Board changes to ordinance regarding setbacks. A PowerPoint presentation and handout provided by Chair Wakeem illustrated deletions and staff recommendations. (handout)

Kevin von Finger reported on the impact on city-owned wildlife refuges; Feather Lake, Rio Bosque and Keystone.

Motion made by James Tolbert to adopt the recommendation. Second by Kevin von Finger. Motion carried (unanimous).

Chair Wakeem moved agenda items 7 and 8 next.

7. Agenda Item #7. Discussion and Information: Presentation on Grading Ordinance Rewrite (Engineering Staff)

Alan Shubert, Engineering, working on amending/updating technical items and also following City Council direction on the grading ordinance rewrite. Estimated time of draft completion is five weeks (early May). Engineering is also working on the preservation of natural features and enforceable provisions.

8. Agenda Item # 8. Discussion, Information, and Action: Update on 41A Stakeholders Meeting (Engineering Staff)

Alan Shubert, Engineering, reported on a meeting he conducted on February 4, 2010 and informed the board that the developers are currently working on a fact sheet which will describe plans for development of Arroyo 41A.

No action taken.

9. Agenda Item # 4. Discussion and Information: Presentation Current Stormwater Utility CIP/Open Space Budget (PSB Staff)

Nick Costanzo, El Paso Water Utilities, presented a PowerPoint and reported on the following Stormwater projects:

- Cloudview arroyo project (currently on hold)
- Mesa Drain
- Northeast Channel 2
- Silver Springs
- Mesa Hills Channel
- Doniphan Ditch
- Feather Lake II
- Johnson Basin
- Franklin Mountain
- Westside Master Plan

(handout)

10. Agenda Item # 5. Discussion and Action: Projected Timeline for Future Recommendations to the Stormwater Master Plan Community Advisory Committee for CIP/Open Space Projects using Stormwater Utility Fees, in particular “10% Funds” (PSB Staff)

Nick Constanzo announced that the Stormwater CIP Plan Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet April 22, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. (location TBD) Advisory Committee members will be notified.

Kevin von Finger made a motion that the Chair of the Open Space Advisory Board be the representative on the Stormwater CIP Plan Advisory Committee and the Vice Chair of the Open Space Advisory Board as the alternate. Second by Robert Ardovino. Motion carried (unanimous).

11. Agenda Item # 6. Discussion and Action: Public Access to PSB Properties for Recreational Use (PSB Staff)

Nick Constanzo advised the Board they are currently working on a policy and OSAB will be notified when the report is finished.

12. Agenda Item # 12. Discussion and Action: Identification and Ranking of Potential CIP/Open Space Projects at a Special Meeting of the Open Space Advisory Board.

Chair Wakeem felt it would be a good idea to have special meeting or work session to review new open space projects.

James Tolbert made a motion that there be a special meeting of the Open Space Advisory Board on April 5, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. in the Engineering conference room, if available. Second by Bill Addington. Motion carried (unanimous).

13. Agenda Item # 13. Discussion, Information, and Action: Open Space Advisory Board Enabling Ordinance (Parks Staff)

Nanette Smejkal, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave an update on the Halff Consultant report. Council will hear the report on April 13, 2010.

No action taken.

14. Agenda Item # 14. Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements: None

15. Agenda Item #15. Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agendas

- Results of work session
- Wildlife Crossing
- Enabling Ordinance Report

16. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.